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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have chosen a competitive provider for my telephone and internet service. Why? Because it costs less than AT&T or Comcast, and provides far better service than either AT&T or Comcast.

My household depends on broadband for everything we do. As seniors, my wife and I don't get out as much as we once did, and so depend on the internet to perform a lot of tasks we would have gone out to do when we were younger.

We have in the past experienced the AT&T/Comcast duopoly. Despite what industry shills will tell you, there's no real competition there--it's no coincidence that AT&T and Comcast are two of the most despised companies in America.

Competitive carriers keep these two more honest. That competition will be destroyed if you choose to approve the US Telecom petition. I urge you to say NO to the price hikes that will inevitably follow should you approve this petition. Far too many of us will be stuck with what AT&T and Comcast allege is customer service, but which consumers know is very different from real service.

Just say NO. Save competitive telecom service.

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